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INCREASED AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATION REMAINS INEFFECTIVE.

2. THE LARGELY SOVIET MILITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST AFGHAN NATIONALIST FORCES HAS GENERATED THE LARGEST REFUGEE CACIUS SINCE WORLD WAR II. OVER FIVE MILLION REFUGEES, MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF AFGHANISTAN, NOW LIVE IN CAMPS IN PAKISTAN AND INDI. DESPITE CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY BY THE DRA REGIME, THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES IS INCREASING. MORE TRAGIC IS THE NUMBER OF AFGHANS WHO HAVE DIED AS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THE SOVIET INVASION/OCCUPATION. INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS CITE A CONSERVATIVE FIGURE OF OVER ONE MILLION DEAD. INADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE AND SOVIET EMPLOYMENT OF WEAPONS DESIGNED TO Maim RATHER THAN KILL, INCLUDING EXPLOSIVE DEVICES CONFIGURED TO LOOK LIKE TOYS AND A RAFFIA-LIKE SUBSTANCE, HAVE CREATED GREAT SUFFERING FOR AFGHAN NATIONALIST COMBATANTS AND CIVILIANS.

3. SOVIET ACTIONS IN OCCUPIED AFGHANISTAN HAVE ENTAILED VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW ON A BROAD SCALE INCLUDING: THE 1949 GENEVA CONVENTIONS AND CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS WHICH PROHIBIT MURDER, MUTILATION, AND THE MASSIVE USE OF ANTI-PERSONNEL WEAPONS; THE 1925 GENEVA PROTOCOL AND THE 1972 BIOLOGICAL AND TOXIC WEAPONS CONVENTIONS; THE 1954 HAGUE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF ARMED CONFLICT; AND PROHIBITIONS AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, INCLUDING ARTICLE 7 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS.

4. WHILE OBSERVERS SPECULATE ABOUT THE PROXIMATE CAUSES OF THE SOVIET INVASION, THERE IS A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT THE INVASION AND OCCUPATION HAS RESULTED IN PROGRESS TOWARDS THE SOVIETIZATION OF THOSE AREAS UNDER SOVIET/DRA CONTROL. IN ADDITION TO PLACEMENT OF THOUSANDS OF ADVISORS IN REGIME OFFICES, THE SOVIET UNION HAS TAKEN THOUSANDS OF AFGHAN CHILDREN TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR TRAINING AND INCUCLATION OF VALUES THAT ARE ALIEN TO THE AFGHAN PEOPLE'S ISLAMIC HERITAGE. MANY OF THE CHILDREN REPORTEDLY WERE BROUGHT TO THE SOVIET UNION WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF, OR OVER THE EXPRESS OPPOSITION OF, THEIR PARENTS. A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE CHILDREN TAKEN TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR LONG-TERM INDOCTRINATION ARE CHILDREN WHO WERE ORPHANED AS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THE SOVIET INVASION/OCCUPATION.

5. DURING 1987, SOVIET AND DRA FORCES, UNDER PRESSURE OF INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE AND BETTER COORDINATED AFGHAN RESISTANCE ACTIVITY, BEGAN TO ASSUME A MORE DEFENSIVE POSTURE AND SOUGHT TO DEVELOP A MORE SOPHISTICATED POLITICAL STRATEGY AIMED AT DEFUSING UNRELENTING INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM. SOVIET AND DRA FORCES ABANDONED SOME AREAS AND CEASED OPERATIONS IN OTHERS. AFGHAN

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REFUGEES HAVE REPOPULATED A FEW OF THESE AREAS, RECONSTITUTING FARMING UNDER MUJAHIDIN PROTECTION. THE SOVIET POLITICAL STRATEGY, WHICH INCLUDED A LOUPLY PROCLAIMED BUT UNSCHWABED CEASE-FIRE AND OFFERS TO PROVIDE COSMETIC CONCESSIONS TO OPPOSITION ELEMENTS, FOUNDERED ON RESISTANCE REJECTION OF THE PLOY AND REFUGEE REFUSAL TO TRUST THE REGIME'S APPEALS FOR THEM TO RETURN. IT APPEARS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, TAKING ITS LEAD FROM THE AFGHAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES, HAVE NOT BEEN SWAYED BY SOVIET PROTESTATIONS OF A SINCERE DESIRE AND INTENT TO WITHDRAW.

6. AFGHANISTAN'S ECONOMIC POTENTIAL, INCLUDING MUCH OF
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SITUATION DETERIORATED FURTHER, WITH INTENSIFIED SOVIET/CPA MILITARY PRESSURE ON CIVILIANS AND INCREASED FACTIONAL FIGHTING. IMPROVEMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ENVIRONMENT IN AFGHANISTAN DEPENDS FUNDAMENTALLY ON A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES, RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF AFGHAN SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-DETERMINATION, AND CONSEQUENT RESTORATION OF PEACE.

9. RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

SECTION 1 - RESPECT FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON, INCLUDING FREEDOM FROM:

A. POLITICAL KILLINGS: ARBITRARY KILLING AND OTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST SUSPECTED REGIME OPPONENTS CONTINUED TO BE COMMONPLACE IN 1987. REPORTS SOURCED TO PRISON INVITES RELEASED IN 1987, AND TO AFGHAN STAFF AT THESE FACILITIES, TELL OF EXECUTIONS IN CPA PRISONS INCLUDING POL-1-CHEKKHI, SHASHUKHAK AND A KASU FIFTH DIRECTORATE PRISON IN THE DARULAMAN SECTION OF KANDEL. A MULLAH FROM KANDAHAR WAS EXECUTED ON JUNE 8 IN KARELL'S SHASHUKHAK PRISON. THE MULLAH HAD BEEN MOVING AS PRO-REGIME BUT WAS, IN FACT, REPORTEDLY WORKING SECRETLY WITH THE MUJAHIDIN IN THE KANDAHAR AREA. MULTIPLE REPORTS CLAIM THAT PRISON CONDITIONS, INCLUDING INADEQUATE DIET, CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND TORTURE, FREQUENTLY LEAD TO THE DEATH OF PRISONERS. OF EIGHT FOREIGN NATIONAL PRISONERS RELEASED IN 1987, FOUR WERE DISCLOSED AS INSANE BY COMPETENT MEDICAL AUTHORITIES AND ONE DIED WITHIN DAYS OF HIS RELEASE. THEIR CONDITION WAS ATTRIBUTED TO TORTURE AND INADEQUATE DIET. THERE ARE CONSISTENT REPORTS THAT MUJAHIDIN UNITS IN THE FIELD EXECUTE SOME CAPTURED CPA MILITARY OFFICERS USUALLY AFTER "ISLAMIC" TRIALS CONDUCTED BY MULLAHS ACTING AS ISLAMIC JUDGES. MUJAHIDIN GENERALLY INTERROGATE AND RELEASE CAPTURED CPA ENLISTED MEN AND HOLD SOME CAPTURED SOVIET PERSONNEL AS PRISONERS. SOME KILLINGS OF CAPTURED SOVIET PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN REPORTED. THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED REPORTS OF MUJAHIDIN ASSASSINATION OF SOVIET CAPRE AND CPA OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH MANY OF THE POLITICAL KILLINGS REPORTED IN KANDEL IN 1987 APPEAR TO DERIVE FROM FACTIONAL IN-FIGHTING WITHIN THE RULING POPA. SOVIET AND CPA FORCES REPORTEDLY HAVE EXECUTED MUJAHIDIN CAPTIVES IN THE FIELD. ON FEBRUARY 1, SOVIET TROOPS EXECUTED EIGHT MUJAHIDIN PRISONERS IN THE PANJSHIR. IN JANUARY, AN AFGHAN REPORTED THAT CPA TROOPS EXECUTED CAPTURED MUJAHIDIN IN LOGAR.

B. DISAPPEARANCES: DISAPPEARANCES CONTINUED TO BE COMMON IN AREAS OF CPA REGIME CONTROL THROUGHOUT 1987. IN TYPICAL CASES, FAMILY MEMBERS LEARN EVENTUALLY THROUGH INFORMAL MEANS OF THE FATE OF PERSONS WHO DISAPPEAR. IN 1987, THE REGIME RELEASED SOME PRISONERS AND DETAINEES WHO OCCASIONALLY WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO

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FAMILIES ON THEIR MISSING RELATIVES. IN OCTOBER 1987, SEVERAL HUNDRED SUPPORTERS OF FORMER DR. PRESIDENT BARRAK NARMAL WERE ROUNDED UP IN A PURGE OF HIS SUPPORTERS. THEIR FATE IS NOT KNOWN. IN SOME CASES, UNEXPLAINED DISAPPEARANCE OF YOUNG MALES IS DUE TO IMPRESSMENT INTO MILITARY SERVICE (DISCUSSED BELOW IN SECTION 10). IN OTHER CASES, AFGHANS ARE ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED OR SUMMARILY EXECUTED FOR POLITICAL OFFENSES OR BECAUSE THEY ARE RELATIVES OF MURKINIA. EARLY IN THE YEAR, A GROUP OF PROMINENT NON-PARTISAN AFGHANS WITH WHOM THE REGIME HAD SOUGHT TO DEVELOP A DIALOGUE CALLED ON THE REGIME TO RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS WHICH THE GROUP ESTIMATED TO NUMBER 40,000. SOME PERSONS DIS-APPEAR AS A RESULT OF THE

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ACTION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO FREQUENTLY ABDUCT OR CAPTURE
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COLLABORATORS.

C. TORTURE AND CRUEL, INHUMAN, OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT: REGIME AUTHORITIES FREQUENTLY EMPLOY TORTURE TO PUNISH OR TO EXTRACT INFORMATION OR CONFESSIONS. THE POLICY IS WIDESPREAD INDICATING IT HAS OFFICIAL SANCTION. VICTIMS OFTEN CLAIM THAT SOVIET OFFICIALS MONITOR AND, IN SOME INSTANCES, DIRECT THE TORTURE SESSIONS. TORTURE TECHNIQUES INCLUDE BOTH PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE. USE OF ELECTRIC SHOCK TO SENSITIVE PARTS OF THE BODY, IMMERSION IN WATER AND BEATINGS ARE COMMON FORMS OF PHYSICAL ABUSE REPORTED BY VICTIMS AND WITNESSES. THREATS AGAINST FAMILY MEMBERS AND PROLONGED SLEEP DEPRIVATION ARE TYPICAL FORMS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE REPORTED. PERSISTENT REPORTS DESCRIBE CASES OF MENTAL DISTURBANCES INDUCED BY TORTURE WITHIN DRA PRISONS. ON JULY 13, A DIPLOMAT WITNESSED THE

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TORTURE OF A MAN AT THE KAHUL RESIDENCE OF A MAJOR REGIME MILITARY COMMANDER. THE VICTIM WAS SUSPENDED FROM A TREE AND BEATEN OVER AN HOUR UNTIL HE BECAME UNCONSCIOUS. REGIME SECURITY FORCES IN THE AREA FAILED TO RESPOND TO HIS PLAINLY AUDIBLE PLEAS FOR ASSISTANCE. THOSE RELEASED FROM DRA PRISONS CONSISTENTLY REPORT EXTREME OVERCROWDING. ONE REPORT CLAIMED THAT 14 PRISONERS WERE QUARTERED IN A SPACE OF TEN SQUARE METERS. A RECENT RELEASEE ESTIMATED THE PRISONER/DETAINEE POPULATION OF PUL-I-CHAKHAI TO BE APPROXIMATELY 11,500. POLITICAL PRISONERS WERE USUALLY NOT SEGREGATED FROM CRIMINAL OR MENTALLY ILL PRISONERS. MEDICAL CARE IS COMMONLY DESCRIBED AS MINIMAL AT THE REGIME'S LARGEST PRISON, PUL-I-CHAKHAI, WHERE PRISONERS ARE GENERALLY REQUIRED TO WAIT ONE MONTH OR MORE BEFORE BEING ALLOWED ACCESS TO MEDICAL STAFF. MUJAHIDIN ARE NOT KNOWN TO HOLD POLITICAL PRISONERS ALTHOUGH THEY DO DETAIN FOR EXTENDED PERIODS SOVIET AND DRA OFFICER PERSONNEL.

D. ARBITRARY ARREST, DETENTION, EXILE OR FORCED LABOR: NO CONSTITUTIONAL OR OTHER LEGAL SAFEGUARDS PREVENT ARBITRARY ARREST OR DETENTION. AFGHANS IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE REGIME FACE UNWARRANTED SEIZURE BY SECURITY PERSONNEL. DETAINEES ARE FREQUENTLY NOT TOLD OF THE CHARGES AGAINST THEM BEFORE TRIAL OR ARE NEVER BROUGHT TO TRIAL. WARRANTS ARE NOT USED NOR IS THE RIGHT TO JUDICIAL DETERMINATION OF THE LEGALITY OF THE DETENTION RESPECTED. DETAINEES TYPICALLY ARE HELD INCOMMUNICADO, SOMETIMES FOR YEARS. PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE, AND SOMETIMES TORTURE, ARE EMPLOYED IN THE EARLY PHASE OF DETENTION TO OBTAIN CONFESSIONS. ALTHOUGH HAIL IS SOMETIMES GRANTED, IT IS NOT A STANDARD FEATURE OF DRA LAW. PUNISHMENT CHARGES, IF PRESENTED AT ALL, MAY COME ONLY AFTER MONTHS OF INTERROGATION. INSTANCES OF ARBITRARY DETENTION INCREASED MARADLY IN 1987, PRINCIPALLY AS A RESULT OF PRESS GANG OPERATIONS IN KAHUL AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN OTHER REGIME-CONTROLLED CITIES. NOTABLY MAZAR-I-SHARIF. DRA MILITARY AND MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY TEAMS IMPRESSED MANY UNDERAGE BOYS INTO THE MILITARY, DRAGOONING THEM FROM THE STREET AND SOMETIMES FROM CLASSROOMS AND HOMES. AS A MATTER OF PRACTICE, REGIME AUTHORITIES DO NOT INFORM THE PARENTS OF THE YOUNG MEN OF THEIR IMPRESSMENT. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, PARENTS, ON LEARNING THEIR SONS' FATE, DEMONSTRATED AGAINST THE IMPRESSMENT AND TYPICALLY SOUGHT, SOMETIMES SUCCESSFULLY, TO BUY THEIR SONS' FREEDOM. THE BOYS, AS A MATTER OF COURSE, WERE GIVEN LESS THAN A WEEK OF MILITARY "TRAINING" BEFORE BEING SENT TO COMBAT. RELATIVES OF SOLDIERS WHO DESERT ARE OFTEN SEIZED BY THE REGIME AS ONE MEANS OF PREVENTING OTHER DESERTIONS AND PUNISHING DESERTERS THROUGH PUNISHING THEIR RELATIVES. SEVERAL THOUSAND YOUNG CONSCRIPTS DIED IN INTENSE FIGHTING IN KANDAHAR EARLY IN THE SUMMER. DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR THE REGIME RELEASED

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SOME PRISONERS. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN JOURNALISTS WHO WITNESSED ONE OF THE LARGER GROUP RELEASES, THE NUMBER OF RELEASEES WAS ONLY ONE THIRD TO ONE HALF THE NUMBER CLAIMED BY THE REGIME TO HAVE BEEN FREED. MOST OF THOSE RELEASED WERE ELDERLY OR SICK. OF THE YOUNG MALES RELEASED, MANY WERE IMMEDIATELY IMPRESSED INTO MILITARY SERVICE, SOME AS A PRICE FOR THEIR RELEASE AND OTHERS AGAINST THEIR WILL. THE REGIME ALSO IMPRESSED INTO MILITARY SERVICE SOME OF THE REFUGEES WHO RETURNED TO AFGHANISTAN IN RESPONSE TO THE REGIME'S "NATIONAL RECONCILIATION" APPEAL. ARRESTS OF REGIME OPPONENTS, ESPECIALLY ARRESTS OF FACTIONAL OPPONENTS OF PARTY LEADER NAJIBULLAH, WERE COMMON IN 1987. APPROXIMATELY 200

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CONSTRUCTION WORK. MOST OF THE YOUTHS SEEM TO AVOID THE WORK IN THE DANGEROUS, WAR-RAVAGED CITY. THE REGIME MEDIA REPORTED THAT 2100 KANDAHAR YOUTH WERE REQUIRED TO SPEND 45 DAYS WORKING IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE KAPILL AREA AND AT THE KUNDAH IRRIGATION PROJECT IN THE FAR NORTH. ACCORDING TO REPORTS OF THE YOUTH'S INVOLVED THE REGIMENT ADDED TO FORCED LABOR AT A RATE ONE TENTH WHAT LABORERS ARE NORMALLY PAID.

D. DENIAL OF FAIR PUBLIC TRIAL: ALL COURTS, WHETHER CIVIL, MILITARY, "REVOLUTIONARY," OR SECURITY, ARE CONTROLLED BY THE POPA. LAWS GOVERNING THEIR ORGANIZATION AND JURISDICTION CITE AS A FIRST PRIORITY THE PROTECTION OF THE "REVOLUTION." AS A CONSEQUENCE, PLAINTIFFS MAY BE DENIED THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS BECAUSE OF CHARGES REGARDING THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS. MOST PERSONS ACCUSED OF NONPOLITICAL CRIMES ARE TRIED IN THE CIVIL COURT SYSTEM UNDER THE NORMS OF ANTI-COMMUNIST JUDICIAL CODES. THOSE POLITICAL DETAINERS WHO ARE CHARGED AND BROUGHT TO TRIAL ARE USUALLY "ENLIGHTENED" BY ALLEGATIONS OF TREASON, ESPIONAGE, OR TERRORISM AND ARE TRIED AND SENTENCED IN SECRET. AS A RULE, THEY MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN DEFENSE WITHOUT BENEFIT OF COUNSEL. DEATH SENTENCES GENERALLY ARE CARRIED OUT QUICKLY AFTER A PERFUNCTIONARY REVIEW BY THE RULING REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, WHICH ALSO IS CONTROLLED BY THE POPA. THERE IS NO MECHANISM TO APPEAL A DEATH SENTENCE ENDORSED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. IN AREAS NOT CONTROLLED BY THE REGIME, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES ARE TRIED BY ISLAMIC JUDGES (QAZIS) AND COMMUNITY ELDER'S UNDER SHARI'AH LAW AND ACCORDING TO AFGHAN CUSTOM. (NOTE: THIS SECTION MAY REQUIRE REVISION ONCE THE NEW CONSTITUTION IS APPROVED BY A LOYA JIRGA EXPECTED TO CONVENE WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH.)

F. ARBITRARY INTERFERENCE WITH PRIVACY, FAMILY, HOME OR CORRESPONDENCE: THE DRA REGIME AND THE SOVIET OCCUPATION FORCES DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY. CIVILIAN AREAS ARE FREQUENTLY CORDED OFF AND SUBJECT TO SEARCH, OFTEN BY SOVIET TROOPS. AFGHANS COMPLAIN THAT DRA AND SOVIET FORCES ROUTINELY CONFISCATE PROPERTY INCLUDING HOMES FOR THEIR USE. REGIME SECRET POLICE COMMONLY SEARCH PRIVATE PAPERS AND LIBRARIES FOR EVIDENCE OF UNWORTHY BELIEFS OR ANTI-REGIME CONNECTIONS. HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCHES FREQUENTLY ARE CARRIED OUT IN PRE-DAWN HOURS. TELEPHONES ARE ACTIVELY TAPPED AND CORRESPONDENCE MONITORED. CITIZENS ARE WARNED NOT TO LISTEN TO FOREIGN BROADCASTS EXCEPT FROM STATES FRIENDLY TO THE REGIME. DURING 1987 THE DRA REGIME AND THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES CONTINUED TO ORGANIZE THE TRAVEL OF YOUNG AFGHAN CHILDREN TO THE SOVIET UNION, FREQUENTLY FOR EXTENDED TRAINING. THE CHILDREN IN SOME INSTANCES WERE SENT TO THE SOVIET UNION, AND OTHER ALLIED STATES, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OR EVEN OVER THE OPPOSITION OF THEIR PARENTS. FREQUENTLY THE CHILDREN ARE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN

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ORPHANED BY THE WAR. REGARDLESS OF THE LENGTH OF THEIR STAY IN CHILDREN, ONCE INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION, IMMEDIATELY ARE SUBJECTED TO INDOCTRINATION OF VIEWS THAT CLASH WITH TRADITIONAL AFGHAN/ISLAMIC BELIEFS AND CUSTOMS. WITHIN AFGHANISTAN, YOUNG BOYS ARE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE MILITARY TRAINING WHILE STILL IN THEIR EARLY TEENS, DESPITE THE OPPOSITION OF THEIR PARENTS. DURING 1987 THE REGIME REGULARLY FORCED EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE TO DONATE BLOOD TO STATE MEDICAL FACILITIES. AFGHANS SEEKING TREATMENT AT SOME STATE MEDICAL CLINICS REPORTEDLY HAD BLOOD EXTRACTED WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT. FOREIGN OBSERVERS HAVE NOTED THAT REGIME CAPE FOR THE ELDERLY, MENTALLY ILL, OR RETARDED VIOLATES THE BASIC

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C. VIOLATIONS OF HUMANITARIAN LAW IN ARMED CONFLICTS: THE SOVIET INVASION/OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN MEASURED IN TERMS OF HUMAN LOSS AND SUFFERING, CONSTITUTES THE GREATEST TRAGEDY AFGHANISTAN HAS SUFFERED SINCE IT BECAME A UNIFIED STATE IN THE 19TH CENTURY. IN 1989, MORE AFGHANS FELL VICTIM TO THE FIGHTING IMPOSED ON THE COUNTRY BY THE SOVIET INVI. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OBSERVERS HAVE PLACED THE NUMBER OF DEAD IN THE COUNTRY SINCE THE INVASION AT OVER ONE MILLION. MANY MORE AFGHANS WERE KILLED BY ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES, GRENADES, AND DEVICES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO INJURE BUT NOT KILL. CARE FOR THE INJURED IN

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UNDERSTAFFED, ILL-SUPPLIED AND UNHYGEINIC MEDICAL FACILITIES IS INADEQUATE. MANY OF THE INJURED, INCLUDING CIVILIANS, SEEK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN PAKISTAN. AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS HOSPITAL IN QUETTA, PAKISTAN, NOTED EARLY IN 1967 THAT THE NUMBER OF WOUNDED ARRIVING THERE WAS THE HIGHEST EVER EXPERIENCED AT THAT FACILITY. NO REPUTABLE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ACCEPTS THE REGIME'S CLAIM THAT OVER 90,000 AFGHAN REFUGEES HAVE RESPONDED TO THE REGIME'S "NATIONAL RECONCILIATION" PROGRAM AND RETURNED. THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE FLEEING TO KABUL APPEARED TO INCREASE IN 1967 IN APPARENT RESPONSE TO NEW SOVIET TACTICS INVOLVING MORE AERIAL AND ARTILLERY HARMORMENT. THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE REMAINED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND SOUGHT TO CONTINUE TO FARM FOR THE MOST PART HAVE LIMITED THE AMOUNT OF LAND THEY ARE WILLING TO FARM BECAUSE OF THE DANGER POSED BY MILITARY UNITS. 1967 APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE YEARS OF THE WAR DUE TO UNUSUALLY INTENSE FIGHTING (NOTWITHSTANDING A PUTATIVE "CEASE-FIRE" CALL BY THE REGIME) AND TO GREATER SOVIET RELIANCE ON ARTILLERY HARMORMENT. A SUMMARY OF THE TOLL IN MAJOR REGIONS FOLLOWS:

-- KABUL: IN AUGUST SOVIET FORCES, SUPPLEMENTED BY DRA UNITS CONDUCTED A HIGHLY DESTRUCTIVE MILITARY SWEEP THROUGH THE SHOMALI, THE LARGELY AGRICULTURALLY RICH BASIN NORTH OF THE CAPITAL. REFUGEES FLEEING THE FIGHTING TOLD OF GENERAL DEVASTATION OF VILLAGES AND CROPLANDS, AND HIGH CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. CIVILIAN HOSPITALS IN KABUL WERE CROWDED WITH CIVILIANS WOUNDED IN THE SOVIET/DRA OPERATION. THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES AND WOUNDED FLEEING INTO KABUL WOULD HAVE BEEN HIGHER HAD NOT THE SOVIETS AND DRA FLOCKED THE MAJOR HIGHWAY LEADING FROM THE REGION TO THE CAPITAL. ACCORDING TO SOURCES FROM THE REGION, VIRTUALLY ALL MAJOR TOWNS SUFFERED SOVIET HARMORMENT. THE TOWN OF SHAKHARA SUFFERED PARTICULARLY HEAVY DAMAGE. ELSEWHERE IN THE KABUL AREA THE POPULAR RESORT TOWN OF PASHMAN IN THE HILLS WEST OF THE CAPITAL HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY DESTROYED BY NEARLY DAILY SOVIET AND DRA SHELLING. SIMILAR DESTRUCTION RESULTING FROM INTENSE NIGHTTIME AERIAL BOMBING IN AFRIL AND EARLY JULY OCCURRED IN PATUKAN SHAR TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL. REFUGEES AND WOUNDED FLED TO THE CAPITAL IN THE WAKE OF THE BOMBARDMENTS.

-- KANDAHAR: PERHAPS NO PART OF AFGHANISTAN HAS SUFFERED MORE THAN KANDAHAR, FORMERLY AFGHANISTAN'S SECOND LARGEST CITY. RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OBSERVE THAT VIRTUALLY EVERY FAMILY IN THE CITY HAS LOST AT LEAST ONE IMMEDIATE RELATIVE. KANDAHARIS ALSO REPORT THAT THE SOVIETS IN 1967 PUT PRESSURE ON THE LOCAL POPULATION, ENCOURAGING REFUGEE FLIGHT TO PAKISTAN FROM THE STRONGLY PRO-MUJAHIDIN CITY. IN A TWO MONTH-LONG MILITARY CAMPAIGN BEGINNING IN LATE-SPRING, SOVIET AND DRA FORCES

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CONDUCTED INTENSIVE BOMBARDMENT OF THE AREAS OF PANJWAI, ARGANDAH AND MALAJAT. THE BOMBARDMENT DROVE MOST OF THE REMAINING CIVILIAN POPULATION OUT OF THE AREA AND DEVASTATED THE REGION'S HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURE, LEAVING MOST VILLAGES IN THE AREA DESERTED. TO THE EAST OF KANDAHAR CITY, SOVIET FORCES HAVE CLEARED HOUSES AND VEGETATION ALONG THE 25 KM ROAD CONNECTING THE CITY AND THE AIRPORT. THE SAME TYPE OF CLEARING OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED ON A MUCH LARGER SCALE ALONG PORTIONS OF THE ROAD TO KANDAHAR HIGHWAY, WITH SIGNIFICANT DESTRUCTION OF ORCHARDS AND VINEYARDS IN GHAZNI PROVINCE. SOVIET AND U.S.A. FORCES ALSO HAVE BROUGHT HEAVY DESTRUCTION WITHIN KANDAHAR CITY ITSELF, REDUCING ROAD LINES INTO THE

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-- THE NORTH: DURING THE LATE WINTER-EARLY SPRING AND AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER, SOVIET FORCES CONDUCTED ROAD SWEEPS THROUGH AFGHANISTAN'S NORTHERN PROVINCES CAUSING A BROAD SWATH OF DESTRUCTION THROUGH THE IMPORTANT WHEAT AND FRUIT-PRODUCING AREA. IN EARLY APRIL SOVIET FORCES, IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO DE-POPULATE AREAS NEAR THE SOVIET-AFGHAN BORDER CONDUCTED MAJOR MILITARY CAMPAIGNS WHICH TARGETED CIVILIANS IN KUNDUZ AND TAKHAR PROVINCES. IN SEPTEMBER, A SOVIET FORCE MOVED SLOWLY ALONG THE PRINCIPAL EAST-WEST HIGHWAY IN THE NORTHEASTERN AFGHAN PROVINCES OF TAKHAR, KUNDUZ AND BADAKSHAN DESTROYING VEGETATION AND STRUCTURES ALONG THE ROUTE. INTENSE AERIAL BOMBARDMENT PRECEDED THE COLUMN'S MOVEMENT. THE DESTRUCTION SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE

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YIELD OF THE THEN ON-GOING HARVEST. ELSEWHERE, IN BACKLASH, RELIABLE REPORTS IN MAY REPORTED AS A RESULT OF INTENSIVE SOVIET/CPA AIR AND ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT 50 PERCENT OF THE CITY WAS DESTROYED. MANY REFUGEES FLED TO PAKISTAN, TO HILARY MOUNTAINS AND TO KARUL.

10. MORE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, SOVIET FORCES IN 1947 RESORTED TO REPRISAL/RETALIATION ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIAN AREAS SUSPECTED OF SYMPATHIZING WITH MUJAHIDIN. IN MARCH, SOVIET AIR AND GROUND FORCES CONDUCTED HEAVY RAIDS AGAINST VILLAGES IN THE VICINITY OF KUNOHZ CITY AND AT KHAJUA-ISHAR IN TARKHAR PROVINCE IN RETALIATION FOR MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS INTO SOVIET TERRITORY EARLIER IN THE MONTH. AT KHAJUA-ISHAR, SOVIET GROUND FORCES BLOCKED ROADS TO PREVENT CIVILIANS FROM ESCAPING THE BOMBARDMENT. ON MARCH 24, DRA FORCES ORDERED ALL RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF PIR (NEAR KANJHAR CITY) TO EVACUATE. THEY COLLECTED THE TOWN'S 40 TO 50 HOUSES. THE CPA REPORTEDLY SUSPECTED THAT THE VILLAGERS SYMPATHIZED WITH THE MUJAHIDIN. ON APRIL 2, SOVIET FORCES RETALIATED FOR A MUJAHIDIN ATTACK NEAR ELISHANG IN LUSHAN PROVINCE BY CONDUCTING AN AERIAL BOMBARDMENT OF THE AREA WHICH DESTROYED CIVILIAN HOMES. LATER IN APRIL, SOVIET FORCES SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYED VILLAGES IN NORTHERN KUNOHZ NEAR THE SOVIET BORDER. THE SOVIET FORCES FREQUENTLY USED THE SITES OF DESTROYED VILLAGES AS FIRE BASES FOR ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT OF NEIGHBORING VILLAGES. IN A DEVASTATING ALL-POPULATION CAMPAIGN, THE TOWN OF EMAN SEEM WAS PARTICULARLY HEAVILY DAMAGED. IN MID-APRIL, SOVIETS BOMBED THE BAKHUND AREA OF PARAWA PROVINCE. SOVIET GROUND FORCES THEN TOOK REPRISALS AGAINST THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. IN ONE INSTANCE BURNING A MOSQUE. THEN SUBSEQUENTLY BLAMING THE ACT ON MUJAHIDIN VANDALISM. REFUGEES FROM THE AREA WHO FLED TO KARUL PROVIDED ACCOUNTS OF THE DESTRUCTION. ON MAY 5, AT THE VILLAGE OF KUNA KHUMAR (TOWNS WEST OF GHARZI CITY) SOVIET FORCES CONDUCTED A HEAVY RAID IN REPRISAL FOR A MUJAHIDIN ATTACK IN THE VICINITY A FEW DAYS EARLIER. THE SOVIET ATTACK DESTROYED A BRIDGE AND SEVERAL HOMES. THERE WERE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. FOLLOWING THE DOWNING OF A JET AIRCRAFT NEAR MAIGAN SHAR ON MAY 27, BOMBERS STRUCK NEARBY RESIDENTIAL AREAS KILLING TEN AND WOUNDING FIVE CIVILIANS. ALSO IN LATE MAY, FOLLOWING MULTIPLE AIRCRAFT DOWNINGS IN LGOUR PROVINCE, SOVIET AND DRA AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT REPRISAL AIR RAIDS AGAINST CIVILIAN AREAS. DURING THE PERIOD MAY 31-JUNE 2, SOVIET AND DRA AIRCRAFT ATTACKED MUJAHIDIN AND CIVILIAN AREAS NEAR SHAKALARA NORTH OF KARUL. ON JUNE 24, SOVIET FORCES MOVED SEVEN ARTILLERY PIECES INTO THE GULKHAIR AREA (PARAWA PROVINCE) AND BEGAN AN INTENSE REPRISAL BOMBARDMENT OF THE TOWN DESTROYING MANY HOMES. PERSONS TRYING TO FLEE THE BOMBARDMENT WERE FIRED ON. ALSO IN JUNE KANJHAR RESIDENTS REPORTED THAT SOVIET AND DRA AUTHORITIES RAZED THE PISHKAPOR GATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREA IN THE

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CITY BECAUSE THE DISTRICT WAS SIMPLY PRO-MUJAHIDIN. ON JULY 11, HELICOPTERS ATTACKED THE JALEZE AREA IN NORTHERN HARJAK FIRING INAPPROPRIATELY AT MUJAHIDIN AND CIVILIAN AREAS. ON AUGUST 14, FOLLOWING A CLASH BETWEEN SOVIET TROOPS AND MUJAHIDIN AT A WEDDING CELEBRATION NEAR AGRAM AIRBASE IN PARWAN, SOVIET AIRCRAFT BOMBED THE VILLAGE. ON AUGUST 23, NEAR BUDJAN AIR BASE, THE HONES OF STRIKING U.S. AIR FORCE PILOTS WERE REPORTEDLY FORMED IN A REPRISAL AGAINST THE PERSONNEL. IN LATE AUGUST, FOLLOWING MUJAHIDIN CAPTURE OF SENIOR SOVIET CADRE NEAR THE VILLAGE OF LAGAL AFK IN MYRZAD IN GILZAN PROVINCE, SOVIET OR DRG AIRCRAFT BOMBED THE VILLAGES INFLECTING HEAVY CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. ON SEPTEMBER 29 AFTER MUJAHIDIN ST

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OVERMAN TWO POSTS NEAR TINGI LAL-GEAR, SOUTH OF KAMUL. AIRCRAFT ATTACKED THE TOWN DESTROYING FOUR HOUSES AND ONE SMALL MOSQUE. IN LATE OCTOBER FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF MUJAHIDIN FROM THE BAKKI BAKKA AREA IN LGEAR, SOVIET AND UFA FORCES MOVED INTO THE PRO-MUJAHIDIN AREA TO CONDUCT A REPRISAL OPERATION THAT ACCORDING TO A RESIDENT WHO LOST HIS FAMILY, TOOK A FIVE TELL AMONG CIVILIANS.

11. ACCORDING TO MULTIPLE AFGHAN REPORTS SOVIET AND TO A LESSER EXTENT DRA FORCES IN 1987 CONTINUED TO EMPLOY CHEMICAL AND OTHER PROHIBITIVE WEAPONS. A WELL-PLACED DIPLOMAT CITING AFGHAN SOURCES REPORTED THAT SOVIET FORCES USED LETHAL CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN DVE AREAS IN FIGHTING IN JUNE IN PAKTIA PROVINCE. AN AFGHAN REPORTED THAT IN SHAZAI ON AUGUST A SOVIET FORCE EMPLOYED A CHEMICAL OR TOXIN WEAPON AGAINST MUJAHIDIN OPERATING IN THE RANDZAI VALLEY. AMONG THE 15-20 MUJAHIDIN CASUALTIES WERE SEVERAL FATALITIES. MUJAHIDIN CASUALTIES FROM JUNE PAKTIA FIGHTING WHO ARRIVED AT MEDICAL FACILITIES IN

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PAKISTAN EXHIBITED SEVERE HURNS FROM "NAFALM-LIKE SUBSTANCE." DIPLOMATS IN KABUL OBSERVED CLOUDS OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE A NAFALM-LIKE SUBSTANCE FIRED BY ARTILLERY INTO RILGES NORTH OF THE CITY ON AUGUST 20. A DIPLOMAT MET AND SPOKE WITH CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF AN EARLY SEPTEMBER ATTACK AGAINST 13 VILLAGES IN LOGHMAN PROVINCE. A WOMAN WHO BROUGHT HER TWO INJURED CHILDREN TO KABUL FOR TREATMENT OF WOUNDS DESCRIBED THE AIRBORNE ATTACKS AS EMPLOYING A SUBSTANCE THAT "BURNED EVERYTHING IT LANDED ON." AIRCRAFT ARRIVING AND DEPARTING KABUL AIRPORT REGULARLY DISPENSE HUNDREDS OF INCENDIARY FLARES INTENDED TO DIVERT HEAT-SEEKING MISSILES. THE FLARES FALL INTO THE CITY AND HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRES AND MANY INJURIES, PARTICULARLY TO CHILDREN. OF TEN CHILDREN BURNED IN A TYPICAL INCIDENT JULY 7, THREE DIED. ON JUNE 27 IN KABUL SEVERAL SCHOOL CHILDREN AND AN ADULT ACCOMPANYING THEM WERE STRUCK BY THE FORTEN MISSILE FROM A DROPPED FLARE AND EARLY BURNED. MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN KABUL OBSERVE THAT WHEREAS PREVIOUSLY THE PRINCIPAL WAR INJURIES THEY ENCOUNTERED WERE GUNSHOT WOUNDS, IN 1987 MOST WOUNDS WERE RELATED TO MINE DETONATIONS AND BOMB/ARTILLERY HARMONMENT. USE OF SMALL "BUTTERFLY" MINES WHICH RESEMBLE TOYS TEND TO WAIN RATHER THAN KILL AND HAVE PRODUCED MANY CASUALTIES AMONG CHILDREN. INCAUTIOUS CHILDREN FREQUENTLY PICK UP THE TOY-LIKE MINES. IN 1987 SOVIET FORCES EMPLOYED AN UNUSUAL FORM IN THE KANDAHAR AREA. THE ORDANCE WHICH IS SUSPENDED FROM A PARACHUTE POSTS ABOVE GROUND DISPENSING SHRAPNEL INDISCRIMINATELY IN ALL DIRECTIONS OVER A LARGE AREA. WAINING BUT NOT KILLING ANYONE IN RANGE. A KANDAHARI REPORTED THAT SOVIET FORCES EMPLOYED LETHAL CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN FIGHTING IN THE KANDAHAR IN JUNE-JULY. THE SOVIETS ALLEGEDLY SOUGHT TO TARGET MUHAMMADIN TUNNEL COMPLEXES. THERE WERE MUHAMMADIN FATALITIES. A SECOND KANDAHARI REPORTED THAT IN THE SAME AREA IN SEPTEMBER SOVIET FORCES FIRED SHELLS WHICH CONTAINED A "POISON GAS" WHICH CAUSED ILLNESS BUT NOT DEATH. THE KANDAHARI CLAIMED TO BE BOTH A WITNESS AND A VICTIM EXHIBITING SKIN WOUNDS HE SAID WERE CAUSED BY THE "GAS."

12. DURING 1987 SOVIET TROOPS APPEARED TO BE LESS DISCIPLINED, EVEN IN THE CAPITAL, KABUL. ON AUGUST 17, A SOVIET SOLDIER STRANGLED TO DEATH A SHOPKEEPERS BOY WHO ATTEMPTED TO PREVENT THE SOLDIER FROM STEALING FROM THE STORE. THE SOLDIER SHOT AND WOUNDED A SECOND BOY WHO ATTEMPTED TO STOP THE SOLDIER. ON AUGUST 20 A DRUNKEN SOVIET SOLDIER WHO WAS DRIVING AN ARMORED VEHICLE FAILED TO NEGOTIATE A CORNER AND CRASHED INTO TWO SHOPS KILLING AN OCCUPANT AND DEMOLISHING BOTH SHOPS. ON SEPTEMBER 29 SOVIET SOLDIERS FIRED ON TWO VEHICLES WHO FAILED TO HALT AT THEIR SIGNAL AT A KABUL INTERSECTION. ONE AFGHAN WAS WOUNDED AND ANOTHER KILLED IN THE INCIDENT. ALSO IN LATE SEPTEMBER A DIPLOMAT OBSERVED A SOLDIER HIDING ATOP AN ARMORED VEHICLE IN A SOVIET MILITARY CONVOY FIRE AT A

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13. MUJAHIDIN CONDUCT IN THE WAR IN 1987 ALSO ENTAILED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE. MUJAHIDIN WERE BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMB ATTACKS IN JALALABAD AND IN KARUL WHICH RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. 3 FEBRUARY 4 BOMB BLAST NEAR THE JALALABAD COMMUNICATIONS CENTER REPORTEDLY KILLED 35 PEOPLE AND WOUNDED OVER 200. ANOTHER LARGE BOMB BLAST IN JALALABAD WAS REPORTED APRIL 24. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS CLAIM THAT IN OCTOBER A CAR BOMB IN KARUL WHICH MAY HAVE KILLED AS MANY AS 72 PEOPLE WAS THE WORK OF THE MUJAHIDIN. MUJAHIDIN ROCKETING OF KARUL AND OTHER REGIME-CONTROLLED CITIES INEVITABLY TAKE THEIR

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TOLL AMONG CIVILIANS. DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY MUJAHIDIN TARGETTED THE JABAL DS SARAJ POLICE STATION IN PARWAN PROVINCE, BUT HIT SEVERAL NEARBY SHOPS INSTEAD. A MARCH 28 MUJAHIDIN ATTACK ON A REGIME-ORGANIZED PUBLIC GATHERING NEAR GHAZNI CITY RESULTED IN THE WOUNDING OF 12 CIVILIANS. WHILE THE REGIME HAS ACCUSED THE MUJAHIDIN ON DOWNING CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT, AT LEAST TWO OF THE ALLEGED "CIVILIAN" AIRCRAFT (ONE DROPPED IN ZARUL AND THE OTHER IN KHOSH) WERE PAINTED IN MILITARY COLORS. PASSENGER LOADS AMONG THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT MOREOVER, WHILE ALLEGED TO BE CIVILIANS, REPORTEDLY ARE IN FACT PARTIALLY OR ENTIRELY MILITARY.

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SOVIETIZING AFGHAN SOCIETY AND CIVIL/POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS. THE REGIME TOLERATES NO CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THE PUBLIC MEDIA. MOREOVER, PRIVATE CRITICISM CAN RESULT IN DETENTION AND ARREST. THERE IS NO ACADEMIC FREEDOM. BEGINNING IN THE LATTER HALF OF 1947, IN AN UNUSUAL DEPARTURE, THE REGIME MEDIA HAS PUBLISHED VARIOUS VIEWS AND PROPOSALS BY VARIOUS AFGHANS WITH REGARD TO THE AS YET DRAFT CONSTITUTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO SUGGEST THE CONSENSUAL CHARACTER OF THE DRAFTING PROCESS.

ALL MEDIA ARE OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THE REGIME AND TIGHTLY SUPERVISED BY SOVIET OFFICIALS. THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION ARE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO CONVEY REGIME POLICY AND THE SOVIET INTERPRETATION OF WORLD EVENTS. SOVIET PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND TELEVISION ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE IN LOCAL LANGUAGES TO REINFORCE THOSE VIEWS. UNLICENSED IMPORT AND SALE OF NON-SOVIET VIDEO AND AUDIO TAPES, MAGAZINES, BOOKS AND POSTERS ARE FORBIDDEN THOUGH THIS MAY BE GENERALLY INEFFECTIVE. AFGHANS ARE UNCHARACTERISTICALLY GUARDED IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS LEAST ANTI-REGIME OR ANTI-SOVIET COMMENTS BE REPORTED TO THE SECRET POLICE. DURING THE SUMMER AT A MAJOR KANJL MOSQUE, A SENIOR MULLAH OF STIZEL PARISHOWNERS FOR THEIR RELUCTANCE TO PLEAK THEIR VIEWS ABOUT THE REGIME'S "NATIONAL RECONCILIATION" POLICY. THE MULLAH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TO DO SO WOULD INCUR RISKS OF IMPRISONMENT WHICH HE NOTED HE HIMSELF HAD ENDURED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 4, CITIZENS IN HERAT CITY DEMONSTRATED AT THE HERAT CITY POPA COMMITTEE BUILDING, SHOUTING ANTI-REGIME AND ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS IN PROTEST OVER THE REGIME KILLING OF THE SON OF A PROMINENT HERAT RESIDENT. MANY OF THE GROUP WERE ARRESTED AND BROUGHT TO KANJL WHERE, ACCORDING TO A RELATIVE OF ONE OF THEM, THEY UNDERWENT MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY INTERROGATION. WESTERN RADIO BROADCASTS IN LOCAL LANGUAGES ARE FREQUENTLY CAPTURED, ALTHOUGH SOME PROGRAMS DO GET THROUGH TO AN AFGHAN AUDIENCE EAGER FOR CREDIBLE NEWS.

P. FREEDOM OF PEACEFULL ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION: FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY OR ASSOCIATION IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE REGIME DOES NOT EXIST. A PARTY LAW PASSED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL DURING THE SUMMER PURPORTS TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL VIEWS AT VARIANCE WITH THE RULING POPA. THE POPA, HOWEVER, WILL BE THE ARBITER OF THE MOVING FOR ACCEPTABLE DSSSENT. THE REGIME REGULARLY STAGES "SPONTANEOUS" GATHERINGS TO CONVEY THE IMPRESSION OF POPULAR SUPPORT, INCLUDING MASS DEMONSTRATIONS AT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. EVEN PEACEFUL ASSEMBLIES ARE DEALT WITH FORCEFULLY. PARENTS DEMONSTRATING FOR THE RELEASE OF THEIR SONS IMPRESSED OFF THE STREETS INTO THE DRA MILITARY WERE DISPERSED WITH GUNFIRE IN AN INCIDENT IN

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EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN THREATENED WITH LOSS OF JOBS OR IMPRISONMENT FOR REFUSAL TO JOIN PARTY ORGANIZATIONS. MANY OF THE WORK FORCE OF A FACTORY IN SHEPENGAN HAIKH PROVINCE WHO IN OCTOBER SELECTED CUSTOD STATE AND PARTY LEADER HARRAK KARNAL AS THEIR DELEGATE TO A NATIONAL POPUL CONFERENCE WERE ARRESTED. AT THE FAMILY LEVEL, PARENTS HAVE BEEN WARNED THAT THEIR CHILDREN WOULD BE FORCED OUT OF SCHOOL IF THEY REFUSED TO JOIN OFFICIAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. THE CAMPAIGN TO RESTRICT AND CHANNEL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES HAS ENCOURAGED THE

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CONTINUING FLIGHT INTO REFUGEE STATUS OF THOSE WITHIN THE UPPER AND MIDDLE CLASSES.

LABOR HAS NO RIGHT TO ORGANIZE IN ANY MEANINGFUL FASHION. TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND UNIONS OF WORKERS AND OF PEASANTS ARE CLOSELY MONITORED AND THOSE IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE FEW REMAINING PRE-REVOLUTIONARY LABOR AND TRADE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN UNDER STRONG PRESSURE -- AND SOME HAVE SURRENDERED TO MERGE WITH THE RULING PDPA. IN GENERAL, THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PROVIDED ENTREE FOR THEIR SOVIET COUNTERPARTS AND HAVE SPURRED THE PROCESS OF SOVIETIZATION OF AFGHAN SOCIETY. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF AFGHAN TRADE UNIONS, WITH A CLAIMED MEMBERSHIP OF 150,000 WORKERS, IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE COMMUNIST DOMINATED WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS.

C. FREEDOM OF RELIGION: AFGHANISTAN IS AN ISLAMIC NATION, PRIMARILY SUNNI THOUGH THERE IS AN IMPORTANT SHIA MINORITY PARTICULARLY IN THE CENTRAL PAKISTAN

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REGION. TRADITIONALLY SMALL ENCLAVES OF HINDUS, SIKHS, AND JEWS HAVE LIVED PEACEFULLY ALONGSIDE THEIR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS. SINCE THE 1978 COUP, THE REGIME HAS BOUGHT, WITH MARGINAL SUCCESS, TO STRICTLY SUPERVISE ALL RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. REGIME POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS ARE ROUTINELY GIVEN THE APPROPRIATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS. THE REGIME IN 1987 STEPPED UP ITS EFFORTS TO PORTRAY ITSELF AS A REVEREKTORY OF ISLAM. REGULARLY ANNOUNCING ASSISTANCE TO MOSQUE CONSTRUCTION. ESTABLISHING WHAT WAS BILLED AS AN ISLAMIC RESEARCH CENTER, AND SPONSORING AN "INTERNATIONAL KORANIC READING COMPETITION." THE REGIME LINE IS AIMED AT PORTRAYING THE REGIME AS AMENABLE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAM. MONTHLY STIPENDS TO "MULLAS" ALONG WITH THE REGIME'S CLAIMS OF SUPPORT TO ISLAM GENERALLY REPRESENT AN ATTEMPT TO CO-OPT ISLAM AND HARNESS IT TO THE PARTY AND STATE'S PURSUIT OF ITS "REVOLUTIONARY" GOALS. AFGHANS APPEAR TO DISTINGUISH SHARPLY BETWEEN TRADITIONAL MULLAS AND "REGIME MULLAS." KANDAHAR RESIDENTS REPORT THAT MOST OF THE CITY'S REMAINING RESIDENTS SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO MOSQUES IN THE CITY WHERE THEY RECEIVE EDUCATION NOT DIRECTED BY THE REGIME. COSTS ARE MET BY THE PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY WITH NO ASSISTANCE FROM THE REGIME. DESTRUCTION OF MOSQUES BY DRA AND SOVIET FORCES, PARTICULARLY IN THE COURSE OF REPRISAL RAIDS AGAINST ACH-REGIME TOWNS AND VILLAGES INVARIABLY CAUSE DAMAGE TO UNCONTROLLED MOSQUES. (SEE SECTION 1.4 ABOVE). AFGHANS REPORT LARGE NUMBERS OF SHIA FAMILIES CURRENTLY ARE INCARCERATED AT PUL-I-CHARKHI.

C. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN THE COUNTRY, FOREIGN TRAVEL, EMIGRATION AND REPATRIATIONS: DOMESTIC TRAVEL REMAINS SEVERELY RESTRICTED BY THE WAR. THE REGIME AND SOVIET FORCES HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES OUT OF AREAS OF COMBAT DURING SOVIET MILITARY OPERATIONS IN MARCH IN KANDUZ AND TAKHAR PROVINCE, AND IN AUGUST IN NORTHERN KANDUZ PROVINCE. TRAVELLERS BY SURFACE TRANSPORT ARE AT RISK OF BEING CAUGHT IN SOVIET-MUJAHIDIN CLASHES. BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES ARE SOMETIMES ATTACKED BY SOVIET AND DRA HELICOPTER SQUADS. TRAFFIC ON THE BAMIYAN ROAD REPORTEDLY MOVES ONLY AT NIGHT DUE TO THE SOVIET POLICY OF REGARDING ANY DAYTIME TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD AS MUJAHIDIN AND ATTACKING IT. AT KHOWDSHI IN LOGAR PROVINCE, A SOVIET HELICOPTER ATTACKED A CIVILIAN BUS ON SEPTEMBER 22 KILLING 16 AND WOUNDING 17. CIVILIAN TRAVELLERS ALSO ENCOUNTER FREQUENT CHECKPOINTS OR ROADBLOCKS MANNED BY SOVIET TROOPS, REGIME FORCES, MUJAHIDIN OR IN SOME CASES BY HAZARIS. TRAVELLERS REGULARLY REPORT HAVING TO BRIBE SOVIET CHECKPOINT PERSONNEL WITH CASH OR DRUGS. MUJAHIDIN ALSO USUALLY REQUIRE "TAKES" FROM TRAVELLERS. AIR TRAVEL HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY HAZARDOUS AND UNRELIABLE DUE TO MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS ON DRA MILITARY AIRCRAFT WHICH CARRY CIVILIANS AND AS A RESULT OF POOR DRA AIR MAINTENANCE.

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15. THE REGIME SEVERELY CURTAILS FOREIGN TRAVEL BY
ARABIAN UNDER ITS CONTROL. A PASSPORT TYPICALLY MUST BE
PURCHASED WITH BRIBES SOMETIMES REACHING AS HIGH AS 1000
\$1,000.00. THE REGIME SEIZES THE PROPERTY OF ANYONE WHO
FAILS TO RETURN AFTER ONE YEAR. PILGRIMS TO MECCA AND TO
HOLY PLACES IN IRAN ARE CAREFULLY SCREENED AND ISSUED
VISA'S VALID ONLY FOR THESE TWO COUNTRIES.

16. OVERLAND EMIGRATION IS EXTREMELY SCARCIFIED DUE TO
SOVIET AND CHINESE ATTACKS ON MOVEMENT THROUGH THE
COUNTRYSIDE. IN OCTOBER, A COLUMN OF WOMEN MAKING A
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PROVINCE TO NAWSHAHAR CAME UNDER FIRE FROM SOVIET BATTERIES POSITIONED NEAR PACHMAN. WOUNDED NOMADS STRUGGLED INTO KAPUL TO SEEK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. EXTENSIVE SOVIET AND ERA MINING OF PRINCIPAL OVERLAND ROUTES AND PASSES IMPOSES EVEN GREATER RISKS TO WOULD-BE REFUGEES. DESPITE THESE HAZARDS, THE REFUGEE POPULATION IN PAKISTAN AND IRAN CONTINUED TO GROW, EXCEEDING FIVE MILLION, MORE THAN ONE THIRD THE POPULATION OF THE COUNTRY. IMPELLED BY SCORCHED EARTH TACTICS AND DELIBERATE ATTACKS ON POPULATED AREAS, REFUGEES IN 1987 FLOCKED ACROSS AFGHANISTAN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE REGIME HAS CLAIMED CONTRADICTORY FIGURES -- ALL UNDER 100,000 -- FOR THE FLOW OF REFUGEES ALLEGEDLY RETURNING TO AFGHANISTAN IN RESPONSE TO ITS APPEAL TO REPATRIATE. NO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION REGARDS THESE FIGURES AS CREDIBLE.

17. SECTION 3 - RESPECT FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS:

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THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO CHANGE THEIR GOVERNMENT:
AFGHANISTAN IS A TOTALITARIAN STATE OSTENSIBLY RULED BY
THE PEOPLE. IN REALITY IT IS ULTIMATELY CONTROLLED IN ALL
ASPECTS BY THE SOVIET UNION. CITIZENS ARE NOT ALLOWED
TO AGITATE FOR A CHANGE OF REGIME OR REGIME POLICY. THE
RULING, THOUGH HEAVILY DIVIDED, IS MOBBED CLOSELY ON
THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY. IN ADDITION TO THE ESTIMATED
115-120,000 TROOPS IN THE COUNTRY, SOVIET MILITARY AND
CIVILIAN ADVISORS NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 9,000. THEY SIT
IN ALL REGIME OFFICES. IN A TYPICAL DRA INSTITUTION, THE
BIOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, OFFICE SIGNS ARE IN DARI AND
RUSSIAN AND THE PRINCIPAL MEETING ROOM DISPLAYS A LARGE
MURAL PORTRAIT OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY POLITBUREAU.

14. SECTION 4 - GOVERNMENTAL ATTITUDE REGARDING
INTERNATIONAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS:

THE KABUL REGIME AND SOVIETS HAVE CONTINUED TO RESIST
EFFORTS BY INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS TO
INVESTIGATE HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES IN AFGHANISTAN. IN
APPARENT RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OUTCRY
REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE IN AFGHANISTAN, THE DRA
REGIME HAS SOUGHT TO MANIPULATE RESPECTED INSTITUTIONS
AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. IN JANUARY, THE DRA PRIME
MINISTER GAVE ORAL AGREEMENT TO REQUESTS BY THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS TO CARRY OUT ITS
PRISONER PROTECTION MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN. ON THE BASIS
OF THE AGREEMENT, THE ICRC LAUNCHED A MAJOR COMPANION
PROGRAM OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN KABUL. HOWEVER,
NEGOTIATIONS FOR TERMS FOR ICRC REGISTRATION OF, AND
VISITS TO, PRISONERS AT PUL-I-CHARKHI PRISON BROKE DOWN
IN MAY. AS OF LATE 1987, DRA AUTHORITIES CONTINUED TO
BLOCK ICRC ACCESS TO PRISONERS, WHILE NONETHELESS
CLAIMING IN INTERNATIONAL FORA THAT IT WAS COOPERATING
WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. IN AUGUST, THE UN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SPECIAL REPORTER WAS INVITED TO
AFGHANISTAN BY THE REGIME. IN A TEN DAY VISIT TO
AFGHANISTAN, HOWEVER, HE WAS ABLE TO INTERVIEW A mere
FOUR PRISONERS AND WAS DENIED PERMISSION TO GO TO
KANDAHAR, AN AREA WHERE SOVIET REPRISAL STRIKES AGAINST
CIVILIAN AREAS HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY NUMEROUS.
BEGINNING IN LATE 1986 AND CONTINUING THROUGH 1987, THE
REGIME HOSTED OVER ONE HUNDRED FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. FOR
THE MOST PART, THE JOURNALISTS WERE CONFINED TO TIGHTLY
PLANNED "POTEMKIN-VILLAGE" ITINERARIES. FEW, IF ANY, OF
THE JOURNALISTS WHO VISITED AFGHANISTAN IN 1987 WERE
PERMITTED TO INTERVIEW PRISONERS OR VIEW DETAINEES THOUGH
MANY PRESSED FOR PERMISSION. THE SOVIET AND REGIME
POSTURE TOWARD JOURNALISTS WHO SOUGHT TO REPORT ON
DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN INDEPENDENTLY IN 1987
CONTINUED TO BE SEVERE. IN LATE 1987 THREE JOURNALISTS,
ONE FRENCH AND TWO AMERICAN, WERE EITHER CAPTURED OR
KILLED, REPORTEDLY BY SOVIET/DRA FORCES. IN APRIL, A

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WEST GERMANY TEAM NARROWLY ESCAPED INJURY OR DEATH WHEN SOVIET FORCES AMBUSHED THEM AND THEIR MUJAHIDIN ESCORTS IN LOGAR. MUJAHIDIN PERIODICALLY HAVE PERMITTED THE ICRC AND JOURNALISTS TO VISIT PRISONERS UNDER THEIR CONTROL, PARTICULARLY SOVIET PRISONERS. RECENTLY, SOME MUJAHIDIN COMMANDERS HAVE INSISTED THAT SUCH VISITS REQUIRE ICRC ACCESS TO FREETIME-HELL PRISONERS AS A QUID PRO QUO.

19. SECTION 5 - DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE, SEX, RELIGION, LANGUAGE OR SOCIAL STATUS:

THE PARTICIPATION OF AFGHAN WOMEN IN ACTIVITIES BEYOND AT
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THE HOME AND FIELD IS LIMITED BY TRADITIONAL BELIEFS, CUSTOMS AND RELIGIOUS PRACTICES. IN AREAS UNDER RESISTANCE CONTROL, THE ROLE OF WOMEN FOLLOWS TRADITIONAL LINES. THE SOCIAL POSITION OF SOME WOMEN, ESPECIALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE POPA, HAS IMPROVED SOMEWHAT IN KAHUL AND OTHER REGIME-CONTROLLED CITIES. ALTHOUGH BEFORE 1978 WOMEN, ESPECIALLY IN KAHUL, WORKED IN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY, ATTENDED SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, AND ENJOYED WIDESPREAD OPPORTUNITIES IN CULTURAL AND SOCIAL FIELDS. ACCESS OF YOUNG WOMEN TO HIGHER EDUCATION HAS INCREASED IN KAHUL AS A RESULT OF THE CONSCRIPTION OF POST YOUNG MALES INTO THE MILITARY ON THEIR FLIGHT TO THE RANKS OF THE MUJAHIDIN. FOR SIMILAR REASONS, THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOME NON-TRADITIONAL OCCUPATIONS SUCH AS BANKING, TELEVISION AND RADIO AND THE CIVIL SERVICE HAS INCREASED. HOWEVER, FEW WOMEN HOLD RESPONSIBLE, DECISION MAKING POSITIONS. THE ONE WOMAN IN EITHER THE RULING POPA POLITICAL AND REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL WAS REMOVED IN 1987. THE REGIME HAS IN SOME INSTANCES SOUGHT TO EXPLOIT

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TRADITIONAL ETHNIC RIVALRIES FOR ITS PURPOSES. SEVERAL THOUSAND HAZARU TROOPS FROM NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN, IN LATE SUMMER, WERE SENT TO KANDAHAR TO GARRISON THE LARGELY POLYTON AND PRO-MUJAHIDIN CITY. THE TROOPS, ACCORDING TO KANDAHARIS HAVE BEHAVED AGGRESSIVELY AGAINST THEIR TRADITIONAL ETHNIC RIVALS. ETHNIC TURKMEN AND HAZARAS IN KAPILL COMPLAIN THAT THEY ARE NOT TRUSTED BY THE REGIME AND SUBJECTED TO STRICT SURVEILLANCE IN THEIR BUSINESS DEALINGS, PARTICULARLY WITH FOREIGN FIRMS.

20. CONDITIONS OF LABOR

DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN, INFORMATION ON THE CONDITIONS OF LABOR IS NOT AVAILABLE. GLASSMAN
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